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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF US PLAN TO INCLUDE PLO AT GENEVA,
RABIN VISIT

1. CAIRO DAILY GUMHURIYYA FEBRUARY 2 HAS ARTICLE DATELINED LONDON BY ZAGHLUL AL-SAYYID CLAIMING USG IS "NEGOTIATING" A COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE IN APRIL WITH PARTICIPATION OF PALESTINIANS. ARTICLE STATES SECRETARY KISSINGER INFORMED RABIN OF US THINKING AND THAT PRIMIN WILSON HAS AGREED EXERT HIS GOOD OFFICES TO CONVINCE GOI LEADERS THEY SHOULD NEGOTIATE WITH PLO.

2. RELIABLE SOURCES IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON ARE CITED IN ARTICLE AS SAYING ASAD IS EXPECTED TO RESUME HIS CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL UNLESS MEPC IS RESUMED WITH PLO PARTICIPATION.

3. AHRAM FEBRUARY 1 IN ARTICLE BY LEVON KISHISHIAN
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DATELINED NEW YORK, CLAIMED RABIN HAD ANNOUNCED ISRAEL

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AND USG HAVE AGREED ON HOLDING MEPC "WITHOUT DIRECT PARTICIPATION" OF PLO. PREVIOUS DAY AKHBAR COMMENTARY SUGGESTED ISRAELI PLAN, MANIFESTED IN GOE BOYCOTT OF UNSC DEBATE, IS TO ENCOURAGE DISSENSION BETWEEN PLO AND ARAB STATES SO AS TO FORCE PLO TO BE SATISFIED WITH BECOMING MERELY A GROUP ATTACHED TO JORDAN.

4. ENGLISH-LANGUGE DAILY GAZETTE FEBRUARY 1 BASES LEAD EDITORIAL ON UPI ITEM FROM WASHINGTON JANUARY 30, STATING USG AND GOI MAY AGREE TO PRESENCE OF PLO AT CONFERENCE TABLE AS PART OF ONE OF ARAB DELEGATION; "JORDAN WAS REPORTEDLY CITED AS A DELEGATION IN WHICH PLO COULD BE SEATED." GAZETTE COMMENTS THAT IF UPI REPORT ACCURATELY REFLECTS CONCLUSION OF FORD-RABIN TALKS IN SUGGESTING PLO COULD GO AS PART OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION, THEN USG-GOE ATTITUDE IS "HIGHLY ARROGANT" SINCE IT IS NOT UP TO THEM TO DECIDE WHERE PLO CAN SIT.

5. GENERAL REPORTING ON RABIN VISIT'S EFFECT ON CONVENING OF GENEVA GIVES IMPRESSION THAT RABIN SEES NO NEED FOR IMMEDIATE STEPS, WHILE FORD IS PRESSING FOR ACTION. FRENCH DAILY PROGRESS FEBRUARY 1, FOR EXAMPLE, RUNS SECOND FEATURE UNDER HEADLINE: "FORD-US WILL NOT PERMIT ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO FALL INTO IMPASSE OR STAGNATION." SECONDARY HEADLINE SAME ARTICLE SAYS "RABIN HAS BEGUN QUEST FOR MONEY FROM AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY." GUMHUYIYYA FEBRUARY 1 REPORTS RABIN BELIEVES CHANCES OF RESUMING MEPC ARE "VERY WEAK" AND ADDS USG IS DISAPPOINTED AT RABIN'S DETERMINATION TO REJECT PLO PARTICIPATION SHOULD MEPC BE CONVENED.
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